

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Divine Worship. 9:30am

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TRINITY FIFTEEN

September 29, 2019

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 19 (Pg. 126)

Prayers: 18 (Pg. 103); **46** (Pg. 106)

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 19 15 31 51

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 19 - "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Worship Supplement Pg. 12)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution. The Kyrie (Pg. 13)
... Gloria in Excelsis (Pg. 13) Prayer.

OT LESSON: **GENESIS 8:1-22**

Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. ²The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. ³And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. ⁴Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Mike Wilke has returned the call of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, CO. • Bethel Evangelical Lutheran in Morris, MN has called Pastor David Ude who currently serves Living Hope in Appleton, WI. • The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI to serve as the CLC's third foreign missionary. • The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions has called Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane, Spokane, WA. to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. • Pastor Joel Fleischer has resigned from the public ministry. • Trinity in Spokane WA has called former Pastor Stephen Sydow, who currently lives in Eau Claire, WI.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Sunday School Teachers meet in Pastor's office this Tuesday at 7pm.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study will resume this Wednesday at 7pm following Choir Practice as we will begin a study of Messianic Psalms.

COUNCIL MEETING/VOTER'S MEETING

The Calvary Council will meet on Sunday October 13th following worship. The Voters of Calvary will meet the following Sunday, October 20th following worship.

LADIES OF CALVARY

The Ladies of Calvary are scheduled meet next on Thursday October 10th at 7pm in the Pastor's Office.

| Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2019 | | | | |
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| <i>The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Calvary to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. The amount given to 'Missions' on your church envelope goes to this pledge. In the event that our offerings fall short of our pledge, the difference will be taken from the Calvary General Fund. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund.**</i> | | | | |
| Amount Pledged 2019 | | Amount Received as of 8/11/19 | | |
| \$7000.00 | | \$7000.00 | | |
| The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 9/22/19 | | | | |
| General Fund | Loose Offerings | ILC Student Aid | Missions CBP** | |
| \$980.00 | \$70.00 | \$100.00 | \$5.00 | |
| Offerings Total: \$115500 | | | | |
| CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO | | | | |
| FEBRUARY GOAL | RECEIVED 9/22 | FEBRUARY GOAL | | |
| \$30.00 | \$0 | \$30.00 | | |

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HOME DEVOTIONS; SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 5, 2019

Monday - Psalm 37:12-29 Those people are especially *wicked* who afflict God's *righteous* children. Generic sinfulness is not the subject of the moment, but rather the sin of targeting God's family; God takes it personal. Bringing it home—our CLC brethren in India are under attack because they are God's children via Christ Jesus; thus God is being targeted. If these children of God are reduced to poverty (16, 19), God wants them/us to know that He has not deserted them and has better things in store for them (24-29).

Tuesday - Mark 9:14-29 Satan's helper was making life miserable for this family, and nobody was able to send him back to hell. Enter Jesus. Help the father first, then the lad. Well and good. Next problem: "*Why could we not cast him out?*" [Do we note a self-centered (not God-centered) approach?] Jesus' answer: To serve others, enlist God first and diminish your own importance.

Wednesday - Romans 3:1-20 *Circumcision* is code for being Jewish, suffering under the delusion that you can get in good with God via some decent, law-abiding behavior. That doesn't work, as God explains (11-20). Everybody makes the mistake of thinking their two-cents' worth of human rectitude will impress God. God is not impressed. It's better to declare bankruptcy and throw yourself on the mercy of the court. Jesus is strong on mercy.

Thursday - Isaiah 56:8-57:2 Perhaps it goes without saying that God expects His children to not throw mud on His good name but to behave decently and even endure being outcasts (8). Don't envy folks who follow dizzy shepherds (9-12), and when God separates you from evil influences, He is doing so in order to keep you safe. Go to bed tonight under God's blessings (57:1-2).

Friday - Matthew 17:17 Jesus is scolding somebody, and somebody deserved it. Was it the distraught father who came to Jesus imploring mercy for his son? Or was it the disciples? Answer: He was scolding both. In fact, He was fed up with that entire generation of folks who came to Him when they wanted a quick solution to an earthly problem but devalued Him as Savior from sin. And when the disciples adjusted their ministry down to that level, they were being perverse too. Jesus was disgusted with the attitude. How long would it take for people to take to heart His reason for being on Earth?

Saturday - Acts 2:40-47 It was still a *perverse generation* at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit brought many Jews to understand and appreciate what God was doing via Jesus, and they *continued steadfastly* (deliberately) in the *apostles' doctrine*—which put new vigor in their social gatherings and worship. What impressed others (43) was that Christians were happy to share everything they had (44-46). Stay tuned for further developments.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. *

JESUS, THE CHRIST IS MORE THAN A MAN

He is God, Creator, Preserver.

He is Head of the Church.

He is Redeemer and Peacemaker.

OFFERTORY: (WS Pg. 16)

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 442:1-2)

Lord of Glory, who hast bought us With Thy life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that hast freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With Thine own unsparing hand;
Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 31 - *"When All Thy Mercies, O My God"*

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Spoken) "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 51 - *"Now May He Who from the Dead"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 29, 2019

THIS MORNING

Sunday School/Bible Class: 9:30am

Worship: 10:30am

Potluck: Noon

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Confirmation Class 3-4:30pm; Sunday School Teachers 7pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice 6pm; Bible Study 7pm.

Sunday: Worship 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45; Bible Class 10:50am

⁶ So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. ⁷ Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. ⁸ He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. ⁹ But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. ¹⁰ And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. ¹¹ Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf *was* in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. ¹² So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

¹³ And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. ¹⁴ And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

¹⁵ Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶ "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷ Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that *is* with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." ¹⁸ So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. ¹⁹ Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, *and* whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

²² "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease." *

CHURCH CHOIR:

ALL GOOD GIFTS

EPISTLE LESSON:**ACTS 17:16-33**

¹⁶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. ¹⁷ Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the *Gentile* worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, “What does this babbler want to say?”

Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods,” because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new doctrine *is* of which you speak? ²⁰ For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean.” ²¹ For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

³² And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this *matter*.” ³³ So Paul departed from among them. *

GOSPEL LESSON:**LUKE 12:22-34**

[cf. also Matthew 6:25–33]

²² Then He said to His disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. ²³ Life is more than food, and the body *is more* than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁶ If you then are not able to do *the least*, why are you anxious for the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more *will He clothe* you, O you of little faith?

²⁹ “And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. ³⁰ For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. ³¹ But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

³² “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *

ALLELUIA (WS Pg. 14)

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES CREED (WS Pg. 15)

HYMN: 15 - “From All that Dwell below the Skies”

SERMON:

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.